Chipola offers Information Technology certification programs

The Chipola College School of Business and Technology now offers computer information technology programs to prepare students to earn several industry-recognized certifications.

Courses leading to the following certifications are available: CompTIA Certifications: A+, Network+ and Security+; Microsoft Certifications: Configuring Windows 7 and Microsoft Server 2008; and EC-Council Certifications: Certified Ethical Hacker.

College credit courses in several areas can provide technical knowledge and skills needed to take industry certification tests or to prepare for careers or further education. These courses may also be applied to the Associate in Science (AS) Degrees in Networking Services Technology and Computer Information Technology.

Chipola is participating in a U.S. Department of Labor funded grant with University of West Florida. The U.S. DOL recently awarded a $3.9 million grant to Chipola College and the University of West Florida to provide education, training and job placement assistance to meet the demand for high-skill workers in Northwest Florida.

As a first step, prospective students may visit the website http://uwf.edu/floridahireed/ and complete the participant application form to determine eligibility.

For information on this and other programs served by the One Stop Center systems, call 850-718-0326 or 850-638-6089. The contact person at Chipola is Vicki Mathis at 850-718-2289. The Washington-Holmes contact is Stephanie Halley at 850-638-1180.

Chipola Fall Festival slated for September 26

Chipola’s annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Health Center. In case of rain, it will be held inside the Health Center. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this free fun event!

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games. There will also be music, door prizes, hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone. There will be several universities in attendance with information for interested students. The annual match up between campus clubs will include relay races and a tug of war competition to see which club rules the campus.

The Chipola Fall Festival will be sponsored by the Florida Lottery Bright Futures program. The Lottery will provide free tie-dyed t-shirts and ice cream to all students, as well as premium door prizes. Lottery Secretary Cynthia O’Connell will be on hand to welcome the students.

Everything is FREE, so come join the fun!

For more information, call 718-2308 or come by the Student Activities Office, K-105.
Chipola cosmetology open for business

The Chipola College Cosmetology program salon is now open to provide salon services to the public. The program offers a variety of services performed by students for nominal fees including: shampoo, blow dry styles, haircuts, color, highlights, waxing, manicures, pedicures, relaxers, perms and up-styles. Salon days are currently on Wednesday and Thursday and appointments are required.

The cosmetology program has a new home and a new online learning system (OLS) to enhance student learning. Pivot Point OLS allows students to access information at any time and from anywhere as they pursue their studies and prepare to take state board examinations. Students also have access to ebooks and videos. The video content also is available on iPhone, iPod Touch, and the iPad.

In addition to a new virtual environment, Cosmetology students also have a new facility that includes all the furnishings of a full-service salon. The program is housed in the new $3.3 million Workforce Development building which opened last year. In addition to 20 student work stations, the space also includes a facial room, a manicure/pedicure room and a customer-friendly reception area.

Cosmetology is a 1,200 hour program which takes approximately one year to complete. The competency-based program is designed to prepare the student for licensure in the field of cosmetology. New students will be accepted into the program in January 2013. Program hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information on the Chipola Cosmetology program, call 718-2439 or email: vanderwerfp@chipola.edu or scotta@chipola.edu

FCA hosts cook-out at Chipola dorm

The Chipola College Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes recently hosted a Cook-Out for the students living in the Chipola residence hall.

For the fifth consecutive year, Rev. Riley Henderson and St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church provided hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings, side dishes and home-made desserts. The students were served by the members of St. Luke’s and enjoyed good food and a great time of fellowship.

Many of the students also attended a worship service at the Chipola Chapel led by Phil Crawford and the members of the Chipola Chapter of Chi Alpha. The evening started with a time of music and worship followed by a powerful message from Rev. Henderson.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the staff dining area of the Chipola Cafeteria. All students are welcome and can expect food, fun and Bible study. Dr. David Hilton, faculty sponsor for FCA and Chi Alpha, says, “You don’t have to be an athlete - or even athletic to be a part of FCA.”

Weekly Chapel services are at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday nights in the Chipola Chapel. Chapel is led by Phil Crawford from Evangel Worship Center and Chi Alpha Christian fraternity. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Dr. David Hilton at 526-2761 or email hiltond@chipola.edu
Chipola to host Fall Baseball Classic

Panhandle Conference baseball fans can get a preview of four league teams in action in the Chipola Fall Baseball Classic, Sept. 13-16, at the Chipola field.

The event begins Thursday, Sept. 13, at 11 a.m. with Andrew College vs. Wallace Dothan. At 1:30 p.m., Wallace Dothan plays Lurleen B. Wallace, and at 4 p.m., Lurleen B. Wallace meets Andrew College.

Friday, Sept. 14, games include: 10 a.m., Pensacola vs. Alabama Southern; 12:30 p.m., Alabama Southern vs. Tallahassee; 3 p.m. Pensacola vs. Middle Georgia and at 5:30 p.m. Middle Georgia vs. Tallahassee.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the Chipola High School Select Showcase begins at 8:45 a.m., followed by Chipola-Scout Day at 3 p.m.

Fall Classic games continue Sunday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. with Chipola vs. Gulf Coast. At 1:30 p.m., Central Alabama plays Gulf Coast and at 4 p.m., Chipola meets Central Alabama.

For information, call coach Jeff Johnson at 850-718-2237, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Chipola Gala is Sept. 20

The historic first performance in the new Chipola College Center for the Arts is just days away and tickets are going fast. The new $16 million center opens Thursday, Sept. 20, with A Grand Night featuring Broadway star Tony Yazbeck and two-time Emmy Award-winning actress Sally Struthers.

Yazbeck is expected to sing and tap dance his way across the brand new Chipola stage and into the hearts of the first-ever audience in the new Center. Yazbeck most recently played the role of Billy Flynn in the Broadway production of “Chicago.” Other Broadway credits include: “White Christmas” (Phil Davis), “Gypsy” (Tulsia), “A Chorus Line” (Al), “Never Gonna Dance,” “Oklahoma” and “Gypsy” with Tyne Daly.

Tony has performed at Carnegie Hall and many of the top nightclub and concert venues in New York City. On Television, Tony has been featured on “As The World Turns,” “All My Children,” and in the first season of the new NBC hit series “Smash” about the creation of a Broadway musical. His Film and TV credits include the documentary “Every Little Step,” “All My Children” and “As the World Turns.”

Sally Struthers will perform her one-woman show at the grand opening gala. From the loveable Gloria, daughter of Archie Bunker on “All in the Family,” to Miss Hannigan on Broadway, Sally Struthers is a national treasure. She is expected to reminisce about her days as the TV wife of Meat-Head (Rob Reiner) on the popular 1970’s sitcom, and also about her real life romance with Elvis Presley. In between, she’ll sing a couple of numbers, likely “Little Girls” from her role as Miss Hannigan in “Annie” and maybe even a John Prine song “Hello in There,” made popular by Bette Midler.

Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre at Chipola, says, “Everyone is going to love Sally. She’s a hoot and a great talent.” Struthers is also expected to mix with the crowd at the after-party immediately following the show. The event includes an after party with live music and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Dress is semi-formal.

General admission tickets—$50—are available at the Chipola Center for the Arts, The Marianna Fitness Center and the Gazebo Café. Call 850-718-2220 for credit card orders, or contact sirmonc@chipola.edu.
**International Trade Seminar set at Chipola**

Chipola College will offer a small business seminar, “International Trade, Part 1,” on Friday, Sept. 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The class provides an overview of import and export opportunities for Florida businesses. Participants will learn about global businesses and trade investments. The seminar will cover ways to develop a trade plan and to secure resources for starting a trade business.

Chipola will offer several more small business seminars this year. All seminars meet Fridays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building.

“Business Plan Basics” is Oct. 12. Participants will learn which business type is suited to their personality and to create an impressive, professional business plan. The seminar also will include a walk-through of the business plan process in order to obtain financing and to create a successful business.

“International Trade, Part 2” will meet Oct. 26. Participants will learn about market penetration strategies, market presence, collections, getting paid, export finance, and exporting for the service industry.


Cost of each seminar is $30. The first five Chipola students to sign up for any seminar will receive free admission.

Participants may register online at www.northfloridabiz.com. For more information, contact Elissa Severson at Chipola College at 850-718-2441 or email seversone@chipola.edu

**Chipola’s Stephens earns doctorate**

Dr. Vickie Stephens, Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Chipola College, was recently honored by Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, Zeta Gamma Chapter, in recognition of outstanding student performance.

Dr. Stephens, a psychiatric advanced practice nurse practitioner, earned the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from the University of South Alabama in July. She presented an overview of her doctoral research project at the Southeast/Gulf Coast Regional Human Patient Simulation Network (HPSN) Conference in Sumter, South Carolina, in August. The plenary session was entitled, “Reducing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) and Decreasing Delirium in the Acute Care Hospital.”

Jackson Hospital in Marianna, Florida, was the practice setting for the Stephens’ DNP project plan. She says, “I would like to thank the hospital staff for their help with this research. Jackson Hospital has promoted positive patient outcomes while addressing national patient goals.”

In her role as Dean, Dr. Stephens oversees all of Chipola’s Health Science programs which include the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, the Associate Degree in Nursing, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician and Certified Nursing Assistant.

For information about Chipola’s Health Science programs, call 718-2316 or visit www.chipola.edu

**SGA Fall Elections**

SGA Fall Elections will be held Sept. 12-13. The positions available are: SGA Vice President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Freshmen Class President and Vice President, and Six Freshmen Senators.

Students may vote for their favorite candidate on Sept. 12 in the Student Activities Office (K105) from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. and in the Lobby of Building Z from 5-6 p.m. On Sept. 13 students may vote in K105 from 8 a.m. until Noon.

To apply for SGA Vice President, you must have a 2.5 GPA. All other offices require a 2.0 GPA. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 7 in the Student Activities Office.